

ABSTRACT

[0029] A glass/metal laminate for an appliance or the like and a method of fabricating the same. The glass/metal laminate includes a glass sheet, a metal sheet, and an adhesive layer bonding the glass and metal sheets together, whereby the metal sheet is visible through the glass sheet. The laminate is preferably installed on the outer surface of a refrigerator, oven, or other appliance to provide a durable and visually appealing finish surface. The laminate may be fabricated in a batch process, using a sealed curing chamber under reduced pressure to remove entrained air bubbles from the adhesive layer. Alternatively, the laminate may be fabricated in a continuous process using a pair of counter-rotating rollers to remove air from the adhesive layer. A UV light source emits radiation which passes through the glass sheet to cure the adhesive layer.